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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 19, 2003, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for the above-referenced application.

       Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.  X   No additional fee is required.

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